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News

VK9WX Willis Island –update

Sands, VK9WX updates that the end of his tour on Willis island is getting closer. The changeover of crew is expected at the end of April. Meanwhile, he continues to be a bit more active (mainly on FT8) and sends these recent pictures - thanks Sands!...



The roots of SEISA

Last month, March 23, marked [one year since the loss](#) of Mr Yasuo "Zorro" Miyazawa (JH1AJT). We at SEISA Group made a book called "*The Roots of SEISA*" last year, and have translated it into English so that his friends all over the world can read it. A pdf file of the book is open online at our SEISA Group's website, so let me share so you can see the book from [this link](#). (Please scroll down the page and you'll find the link to the book, or download it [here](#)) – 52 pages.

Also, now it is possible to accept donation from overseas for his "Foundation for Global Children" from the donation information.

I hope that you will like the book, and his life and words will be remembered.

Thank you very much for your friendship to Mr Zorro.

Best regards,

Yosuke ISHII SEISA Group

CY0S Sable Island –now QRT

The CY0S DXpedition concluded just after 1000Z on Friday, March 31 with 84,517 contacts in the log. DXCC was achieved on six bands, 30-10 meters, with 40 meters just missing the 100 mark with 98 countries. A total of 155 DXCC were worked by CY0S. Full results and breakdowns are available on Clublog.

This was not an easy DXpedition to pull off. Our initial application to Parks Canada was dated December 19, 2016! Our team leader flew to Halifax, Nova Scotia in October 2019 to meet with the Parks Canada – Sable Island manager to work out the details for this DXpedition. The team leader also flew to Sable Island the day before that meeting to talk with the Parks Canada staff on Sable Island. Both meetings were very productive and an agreement was reached to proceed with the DXpedition. A few months later, Covid-19 hit and we were postponed two years. In October 2022, a Parks Canada project delayed our DXpedition until March 2023. <https://www.dx-world.net/cy0s-sable-island-dxpedition-2023/>

On the scene...aerial view of the FO/AA7JV QTH at Tikehau Atoll, French Polynesia



NCDXF Grant - Clipperton Island

NCDXF is pleased to announce their financial support for the January 2024 DXpedition to Clipperton Island. A complete review of their plans and financial planning has been completed and NCDXF will provide \$25,000 for their success.

[TX5S](https://www.tx5s.com/) website is full of information about their plans. The team is the Perseverance DX Group and you will note that this team consists of very seasoned DXpeditioners. <https://www.dx-world.net/ncdxf-grant-clipperton-island/>



9X5RU Rwanda –now QRT

With almost 170K QSOs, team 9X5RU is QRT and heading home today. Good DXpedition!



DXCC

This week on air

This can change daily, please visit <https://www.dx-world.net/> for updates.

4W, TIMOR LESTE Ben DL6FBL, Braco E77DX and Robert SP5XVY will be operating between April 9 and April 22. Callsign pending. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY.

5X, UGANDA Previously active from Rwanda as 9X3SE/P, Eddy OE3SEU is now travelling in Uganda with his campervan and has obtained the callsign 5XA1J (correct call). Eddy generally uses a 20m long-wire antenna and IC-7000; sometimes active on QO-100 too. QSL via LoTW.

CN, MOROCCO Miguel, CT1EBM is active as CN2EBM until April 9. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using SSB and FT8.

E6, NIUE Janusz SP9FIH and Leszek SP6CIK are active as E6AF and E6CI until April 9.

On the scene...E6AF and E6CI



EA6, BALEARIC ISL Philippe, EA4NF is operating on satellite as EA6/EA4NF until April 8. Portable activation with a FT818ND and a FT817ND operating in full Duplex with an Alaskan Arrow Antenna and also handheld + whip antenna. QSL via LoTW. Keep an eye on Philippe's Twitter feed for further updates : @EA4NF_SAT

FH, MAYOTTE ISL Dom, F4IFF is active as FH/call until April 9. QRV from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via EB7DX, log search on Club Log.

Mayotte, FH



FR, REUNION ISL Thierry, FY4JI will be active as FR/call between April 9 and April 23. Operation on HF using SSB. QSL via EA5GL.

FS, ST MARTIN Michal OM2DX and Rado OM2ZZ will be QRV as FS/calls between April 12 and April 21. QRV between 20 and 10 meter in 'holiday-style'.

H4, SOLOMON ISLANDS Bernard, DL2GAC is once again active as H44MS from Manakwai Village (northern Malaita Isl). Activity until May 8. Operation on HF using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call.

JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA Take, JG8NQJ is once again operating during his spare time until mid-May as call/JD1. Operation mainly using CW with some FT8.

JW, SVALBARD Thomas dc8tm AND Martina DF3TS will be operating as JW/calls from April 9 until April 12. QRV on SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

T30, WESTERN KIRIBATI Kaam, T33KC is already in Tarawa after leaving Banaba recently. He is making preparations for the upcoming T30UN DXpedition; setting up antennas and getting generators working. In addition, he will be operating with the team to gain more operating experience and practice – straight after the DXpedition he will sail back to Banaba and be QRV from there more often now that he has a donated radio (thanks to IZ7ATN).

VK9W, WILLIS ISL Sands, VU2WXW is operating as VK9WX until end April.

<https://www.qrz.com/db/VK9WX>

VP5, TURKS & CAICOS John, W0UV is operating as VP5/call until April 11. Activity on HF using FT8. QSL via LoTW.

VP9, BERMUDA Paul, VP9KF will be active from Baileys Bay during April 12-26. Operation on HF using CW with focus on JA and Far East on all bands. QSL via home call.

Z8, SOUTH SUDAN Diya, YI1DZ is once again active as Z81D until April 23. QSL via OM3JW.

Coming up soon

6Y, JAMAICA Will, KC8WVG will be active as call/6Y between April 19-23. Operation in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 10 meter using SSB. QSL via home call direct, LoTW.

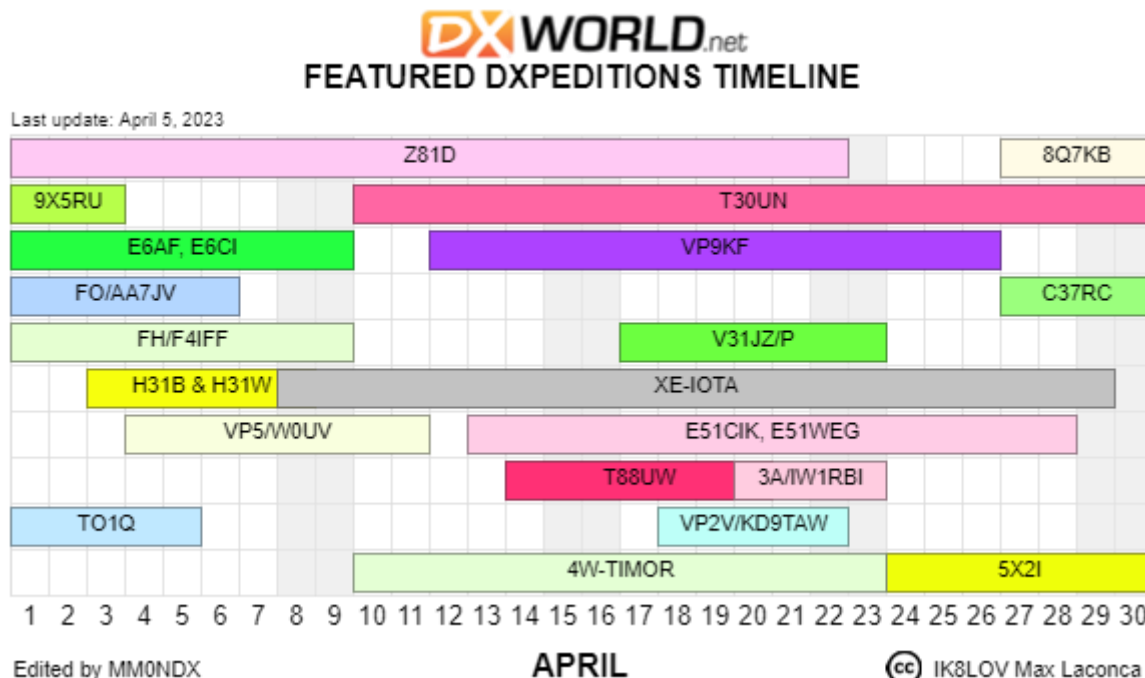
E5, SOUTH COOK ISL Janusz SP9FIH and Leszek SP6CIK will be operating as E51CIK and E51WEG between April 13 and April 28. QRV from 40 to 10 meter. <http://e5.dxpeditons.org/>

T8, PALAU Ichy, JH7IPR will once again be active as T88UW from Koror. Operation between April 14 and April 20. Operation on CW, SSB and digi. QSL via bureau or direct, LoTW.

V3, BELIZE Art, NN7A will once again be QRV as V31JZ/P between April 17-23. Operation on HF. QSL via Club Log or direct via home call

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL Seth, KD9TAW will be operating as VP2V/call from Tortola between April 18 and April 22. Operation in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 10 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW, Club Log.

DXCC Timeline



IOTA

This week on air

EUROPE

EU-032 Aix Isl Jean, F8CHM will be active as TM1AI between April 7-10. Operation on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

EU-145 Culatra Isl Markus, DJ4EL is active as CT7/call until April 10. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using SSB from Grid IM66bx.

NORTH AMERICA

Mexican IOTA tour by XE2AA

NA-045 Mujeres Isl XF3M April 17-22

NA-045 Holbox Isl XF3H April 24-29

NA-090 Cozumel Isl XF3O April 9-15

NA-200 Tamalcab Isl XF3A until April 7

Operation from 40 to 6 meter using SSB. QSL via LoTW, Club Log OQRS or via IT9EJW direct.

NA-008 Ellesmere Isl Pierre, VK3KTB is once again active as VY0ERC until April 12. Operation during his spare time as the main purpose of his trip is work related at the Polar Environment Atmospheric Research Laboratory (PEARL).

NA-072 Contadora Isl Nuria EA3WL (H31W) and Josep EA3BT (H31B) are active until April 8. Operation in 'holiday-style' mainly in the afternoon and night from 40 to 6 meter using CW and FT8. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

NA-082 Ship Isl Look for W5S on April 8 between 15.30 UTC and 19 UTC. Activity QRP on 40, 15, 12 and 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL see QRZ.com.

Culatra Island, EU-145 (CT7)



Coming up soon

ASIA

AS-153 West Bengal A group of VU operators will activate from one of those islands on April 18. More details coming soon.

EUROPE

EU-008 Isle of Muck A team will be operating as GB0SIM between April 16-20. QRV from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and maybe FT8. QSL via G0AZE direct, Club Log, LoTW.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

C2, NAURU Look again for C21TS in late July to August 2023. Plans are on track for a longer and better equipped operation. More news expected soon.

OY, FAROES Thomas DC8TM and Martina DF3TS will be active as OY/calls between June 25 and July 5. Operation on HF using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

THE REMINDERS

Pacific Tour by Uli DL2AH

KH0, MARIANA ISL Rota Island August 31-September 14 as KH0/call

KH2, GUAM September 16-30 as KH2/call

V7, MARSHALL ISL October 3-15 (call pending)

V6, MICRONESIA October 18-30 as V63AH

Operation from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8.

3A, MONACO Ennio, IW1RBI and others will be active as 3A/call during April 20-23. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and CW. QSL via LoTW, Club Log.

4U, ITU GENEVA A team with ON5UR, ON6AJ, ON8AZ and RW3AH will be operating as 4U100Q0 during May 18-20. This is the first time that there will take a QO100 activation take place. Also active as 4U1A.

5X, UGANDA Pista, HA5AO will be QRV as 5X2I from April 24 until May 10. Activity from 40 to 10 meter at the shore of lake Victoria. Modes are CW, FT8 and some SSB. OQRS <https://ha5ao.com/#>

8Q, MALDIVES Kasimir, DL2SBY will be operating from Mushimas Migili between April 27 and May 7. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via DL2SBY, LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

8Q, MALDIVES Vincent, HB9VCJ will be active from the Cocoon Maldives Resort, Ookolhufinolhu, Lhaviyani Atoll, Maldives as 8Q7VJ. Dates not yet known, but the license (issued by Communications Authority of Maldives) stipulates the period May 20 to August 8. More to follow.

9M0, SPRATLY ISL DX0NE will be on air between April 30 and May 9. Gil 4F2KWT will be operating from 160 to 6 meter. QSL via IZ8CCW.

9U, BURUNDI Antonello, IK2DUW confirms there is a DXpedition in preparation, sponsorship is sought. More to follow.

9X, RWANDA Harold, DF2WO will once again be active as 9X2AW starting from May 23 for 3 weeks. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi.

E6, NIUE Stan LZ1GC and Ivan LZ1PM will be operating as E6AM between October 10 and October 27. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Logsuploaded during the Dxpedition to Club Log. QSL via LZ1GC OQRS, direct or bureau.

FOO, CLIPPERTON ISL The Perseverance DX Group is planning a major DXpedition to Clipperton Island during January 18 and February 2, 2024. Plan is to be QRV as TX5S between 160 and 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. It has been 11 years since the last activation. Team members include: Jacky ZL3CW, Dave K3EL, Steve W1SRD, Ricardo PY2PT, Gene K5GS, Heye DJ9RR, Laci HA0NAR, Walt N6XG, Rob N7QT, Glenn KE4KY, Chris N6WM, Arliss W7XU, Philippe FO4BM, Dave WD5COV and Andreas N6NU. Joining the team will be a scientist from the University of French Polynesia who will conduct studies while on the island. <https://clip.pdxg.net/>

FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA Didier, F6BCW will be operating as FO/call from Huahine Island OC-067. Activity during May – October from 160 to 6 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call and LoTW.

FO/M MARQUESAS ISL A large team with F6BCW, F6EEQ, F6FMC, F6HBI, F5VHQ, F5JRX, F5LRL, F4ISZ and F1MNQ will be active from Hiva Oa Island (call pending) during November 4-19. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, FT4/8 and RTTY with 4 stations. QSL via EA5GL or Club Log OQRS.

Faroes, OY



FP, ST PIERRE AND MIQUELON The next trip to FP by KV1J is planned for June 27 until July 11. QRV in various contests throughout the period. Activity on 80-6m; CW, SSB, Digi.

FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON Chris, VO1CH updates DX-World that due to Covid-19, the TO5T DXpedition to St Pierre & Miquelon has been postponed sometime in 2023. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. <http://www.to5t.com/>

FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA Tom, KH0/KC0W informs: due to Covid this trip will be postponed. As soon the situation changes Tom will let us know when he departs Saipan.

H40, TEMOTU The Intrepid DX Group has released their next DXpedition to Temotu Province as H40WA between October 31 and November 14. A team of 8 operators with Rob N7QT, Paul N6PSE, Sandro VE7NY, Jun OE1JUN/JH4RHF, Heye DJ9RR, Laci HA0NAR and Arliss W7XU and Walt N6XG will do efforts on the low bands using CW, SSB and FT8. [Temotu 2023 DXpedition –](#)

[Intrepid DX Group \(intrepid-dx.com\)](http://intrepid-dx.com)

HK0, SAN ANDRES ISL Look for HK0/PY7RP, HK0/PY7XC and HK0/PY8WW during May 4-11. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. Focus on the higher bands with 6 meter included. QSL via home calls, Club Log OQRS and LoTW.

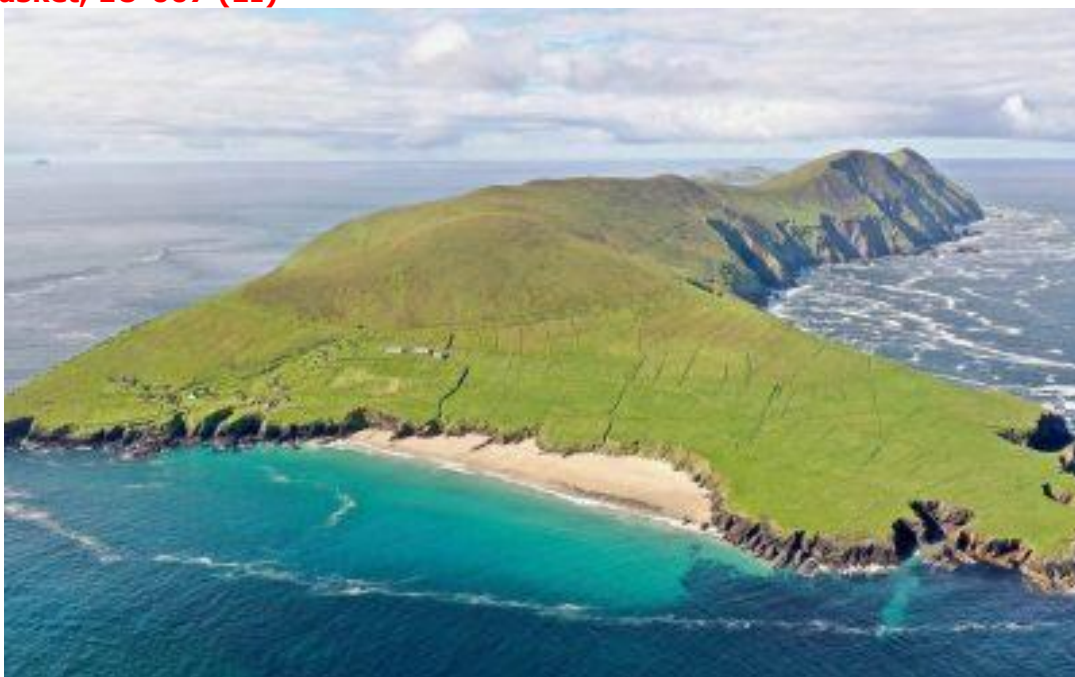
JD1, OGASAWARA Look for JD1BQP (JP1IHD) from Chichijima between April 29 and May 6, 2023. Operation mainly on HF using SSB. QSL via home call, direct.

KH8, SWAINS ISL Due to the Covid-19 pandemic it is still impossible to travel to Swains Island. Alex Jennings (owner of island) and the team will start planning again sometime 2023.

OJ0, MARKET REEF Stian LB5SH, Bjorn LA1UW, Tor LA3WAA and Kristoffer LB0VG will be active OJ0/calls between May 20 and May 27. Operation with 2 stations from 80 to 4 meter using CW, SSB and digital.

PJ5, ST EUSTATIUS Look for PJ5/PA4O and PJ5/PE6Q between July 6 and July 18. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. An entry in the IARU HF Championship is included as PJ5C. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

Great Blasket, EU-007 (EI)



PJ6, SABA PJ6DX callsign recently added to the QRZ.com database by Tom KH0/KC0W. This will be a CW DXpedition. More to follow.

T8, PALAU Yoshi JR3QFB (T88JH), Miyo JO3LVG (T88MK) and Hiro JM1LIG (T88FM) will be active from the Palau Radio Club / Shack during September 12 and September 18. QRV on HF bands using various modes. QSL via homecalls.

TF, ICELAND Dervin, PD9DX will be operating as TF/call between May 29 and June 9. Activity on HF using SSB, FT4/8. QSL via M0URX.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL Dave, W9DR will be active as VP2V/call from Anegada Isl during June 23-29. Operation on 6 meter only using FT8, CW and SSB. QSL via QRZ.com information.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL Dario, KP4DO will be operating from Tortola as VP2V/call. Dates not yet mentioned. More to follow.

XU, CAMBODIA This Dxpediton had been due to take place during March, however since many of the team were from Ukraine it's clear it had to be postponed. Juris YL2GM, team leader explains: My team planned expedition XU7AKT in March. The expedition had to be cancelled due to the war in Ukraine. However, Latvian Radiosport Federation supports Ukraine during these tough times and invites radio amateurs around the world to join this support by donating. More info can be found on the LRSF homepage: <https://www.lrsf.lv/lrsf/index.html>

YJ, VANUATU A team with NC7M (YJ0TT), K6VHF (YJ0NA), W6UC (YJ0UC) and NG7E (YJ0ET) will be QRV from Port Vila in October 2023 (exact dates to be confirmed). Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi + 23cm EME.

YJ, VANUATU A team with N4VGE as team leader will be active for 2 weeks in October 2024. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and digi with an entry in the ARRL 10m contest on December 14-15. More to follow.

YN, NICARAGUA Robert, DL7VOA will be QRV from Guacalito de la Isla as YN5AO. Dates are still in planning phase due to COVID. Operation in 'holiday-style' with a focus on the low bands. QSL via Club Log OQRS. <https://www.qrz.com/db/YN5AO>

IOTA

THE NEWCOMERS

ASIA

AS-039 Commander Isl A team with R7AA, UA7A, UA6EX and RM0F will be QRV as RI0Z between August 18 and September 1.

AS-079 Miyako Isl Take, JS6RRR will be active as JS6RRR and JI3DST/6 between April 17 and May 15. QRV from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via QRZ.com.

EUROPE

EU-007 Great Blasket Pete M1PTR, Tom M0DCG and Kieron M5KJM will be operating as EJ6KP/P during May 16-18. Operation on HF using SSB, operation depending the weather. QSL via LoTW.

SOUTH AMERICA

SA-047 Mel Isl A Brazilian team will be QRV as PR5M during April 21-23. QRV with 2 stations on HF. QSL via PP5BZ.

SA-079 Maricas Isl During 1 weekend (between mid-April / mid-May), team PY1AA - LABRE-RJ will activate Maricás Island SA-079. The activity depends on local sea conditions. Special callsign ZY1M will be used and the QSL info is on QRZ.com. QRV on HF bands (SSB, CW, Digi).

SA-080 Tinhare Isl Beto PY6RT and Jose PY6HD will be active from Tinhare island as PR6T on April 23. QRV on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

THE REMINDERS

ASIA

AS-023 Amami-O Isl Kenji, JA4GXS will once again be operating as call/6 during May 6-8. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call.

AS-107 Samet Isl E20AX/p has had to postpone the activation of Samet Island that was originally scheduled for 8-10 January 2022 because of the Omicron outbreak. A new date is yet to be set.

Miyako Island, AS-079 (JA)



EUROPE

EU-008 Isle of Tiree

EU-108 Treshnish Isl

On May 26th – after picking up Emil DL8JJ and Nobby G0VJG from the airport and dropping them off at their departure point for [MM0UKI Rockall EU-189 DXpedition](#) – Col MM0NDX and Jonathan MM0OKG will then head back to Glasgow airport and take a flight to the Isle of Tiree EU-008 and be QRV as MS0INT until May 29th. Activity on higher bands (17-6m) using monoband vertical

dipoles and a portable 6m quad. QSL via LoTW.

'There is a small chance they may try activate the neighbouring Treshnish Islands EU-108 for a few hours but this will depend on weather and will very much be a decision made on the day (possibly May 28th). Will update..'

EU-125 Fano Isl A Belgian IOTA team will be active as 5P5FI between April 22 and April 29. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via ON6EF, direct or bureau.

EU-189 Isle of Rockall The Rockall expedition is now scheduled to leave from Inverkip Marina, Greenock, Scotland May 26. This is a charity event (details below) and the plan is to spend a week on the rock. Amateur Radio operation is planned for part of the stay.

NORTH AMERICA

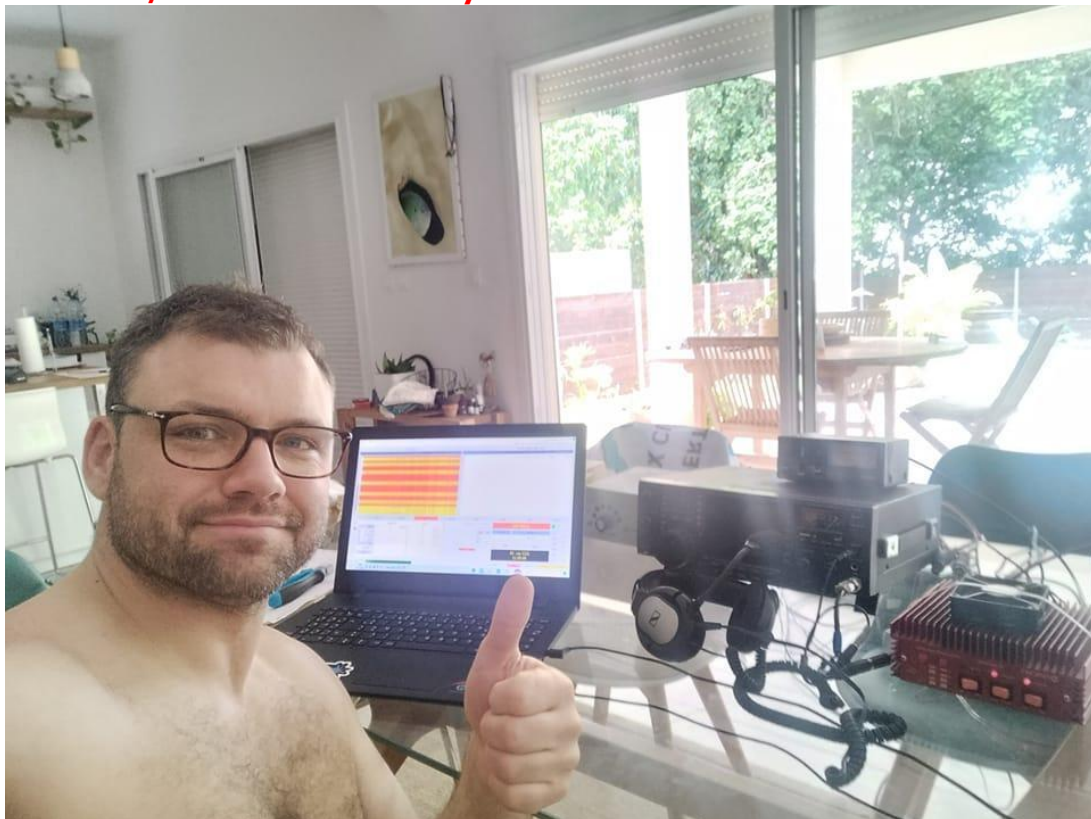
NA-220 Maniitsoq Isl Joe, OZ0J will be operating between September 15 and September 21. Activity from 80 to 10 meter depending free space for antennas. Call is pending. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW or home call.

OCEANIA

OC-067 Huahine Isl Didier, F6BCW will be operating as FO/call from Huahine Island OC-067. Activity during May – October from 160 to 6 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call and LoTW.

OC-237 Gili Ketapang Isl Huzen, YE3BYE/P will be QRV between May 15 and May 21. Operation on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB. QSL via home call, LoTW.

On the scene...FH/F4IFF Dom from Mayotte



Antarctic Base

Davis Base Look for Allan, VK0AW to be active from Davis Station, Antarctica. He aims to be QRV using simple wire antennas and a Barrett commercial transceiver (400w). Allan's line of work is IT, and it should be noted he is a brand new radio amateur; please be patient with him in pileups. QSL via EB7DX who will handle LoTW, Club Log OQRS duties. Allan will be there for until February 2024.

Mawson Station Allan, VK0AW is based at Mawson Station (not Davis Station), Antarctica until February 2024. He is new to the amateur bands, and still inexperienced in pile-up technique. QSL via EB7DX and LoTW.

Special calls

THE NEWCOMERS

4X, ISRAEL Celebrating the 75th anniversary since the foundation of the Israel Amateur Radio Club (IARC) and the establishment of the State of Israel, local amateurs may use special prefixes **4X75** and **4Z75** on 14-30 April (e.g. 4Z4DX may use 4Z75DX, 4X1RE may use 4X75RE, etc.) Contacts with 4X75 and 4Z75 stations will attract 3 points during the NEW Holyland Contest. (TNX 425DX)

7X, ALGERIA 7T60ARA is the special callsign celebrating the 60th anniversary of Algeria's IARU member society, Amateurs Radio Algeriens (ARA). Look for activity between 23 March and 23 April. (TNX 425DX)

C3, ANDORRA To celebrate DX-World's 16th anniversary – and in partnership with hosts Unió de Radioaficionats Andorrans (URA) – look for special event callsign **C37RC** (Radio Club) to be on the air during the last weekend of April. Operators will be made up of members of URA and DX-World's MM0NDX plus guest ops EA3NT & MM0OKG. They will operate on various bands and modes in this exciting collaboration. It was in Easter 2007 that DX-World first appeared on your computer screens and has now grown into one of the world's favourite DX news sources, updating almost daily with the freshest of DX info. 16 years later, thanks to very generous and most helpful cooperation of URA, the tiny Principality of Andorra is going to be put on the world stage as Team DX-World / URA operating as **C37RC** takes to the airwaves and celebrates a milestone with its global audience and readers. QRV all bands, CW, SSB, FT8/FT4. You're very welcome to call and wish DX-World a Happy 16th Birthday !! QSL via URA (buro or direct), LoTW.

DL, GERMANY Special callsign **DROLIMES** will be active between 1 April and 30 June for this year's German World Heritage Day (4 June). The "limes" was the border line of the Roman Empire at its greatest extent. In 2005, the remnants of the Upper German-Raetian Limes were inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list as "Frontiers of the Roman Empire". (TNX 425DX)

ON, BELGIUM OT2023EPIC is the special callsign for the Pajottenlandse Radio Amateur Club (ON4PRA) to promote the sixth edition of the Antwerp Port Epic cycling race. Look for activity between 22 April and 21 May (the actual day the race will be held on). (TNX 425DX)

SV, GREECE SX50AHH is a special callsign for Polydoros, SV1AHH to celebrate his golden jubilee in amateur radio. Operated from Greece by SV1JFL, SV1QVA, SV1GGF and SV1AHH himself, the callsign will be used on 10-28 April on 160-10 metres CW, SSB, FT8, FT4 and RTTY. The logs will be uploaded to eQSL, LoTW, Club Log; paper cards will not be available. (TNX 425DX)



THE REMINDERS

3A, MONACO 3A8AB is a special callsign for the 100th anniversary of the first radio link in short wave telegraphy between France and the USA by F8AB Léon Deloy, French radio amateur, from Nice, and the American U1MO Fred Schnell in Hartford (Connecticut) on November 27, 1923. Léon Deloy, born on February 4, 1894, died in Monaco, where he resided, on January 21, 1969. He bequeathed his fortune to a charitable foundation in Monaco. Activity with this callsign expected throughout month of April. QSL via LoTW.

5H, TANZANIA 5H100TC is the special callsign that TA1HZ, currently stationed in Tanzania and active as 5H8HZ, has been granted to use during 2023 in celebration of the 100th anniversary

since the proclamation of the Republic of Turkey. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via M00XO's OQRS. (TNX 425DX)

9A, CROATIA 9A66AA is the special callsign that Tom, 9A2AA is using throughout 2023 to mark his 66th year in amateur radio. QSL via home call. (TNX 425DX)

A6, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES On the occasion of the Kuwait national and liberation day, the callsign **A60KWT** will be activated by the EARS radio club and A60KWT/0 through A60KWT/14 by individual operators. QSL info for each station on QRZ.com. (TNX DXNL)

A6, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES The national ham organisation EARS runs the special event station A60AP with additional designators /0 to /15 to mark their country's astronaut programme:

A60AP/0	Op. A61Y	QSL: EA7FTR
A60AP/1	Op. A61M	QSL: A61BK
A60AP/2	Op. A61Q	QSL: EA7FTR
A60AP/3	Op. A61FK	QSL: A61BK
A60AP/4	Op. A61BK	QSL: A61BK
A60AP/5	Op. A61DD	QSL: EA7FTR
A60AP/6	Op. A61QQ	QSL: A61BK
A60AP/7	Op. A61AY	QSL: DIRECT
A60AP/8	Op. A65GC	QSL: DIRECT
A60AP/9	Op. A61ZX	QSL: IZ8CLM
A60AP/10	Op. A65BR	QSL: DIRECT
A60AP/11	Op. A61NN	QSL: EA7FTR
A60AP/12	Op. A65GD	QSL: Direct
A60AP/13	Op. A65GJ	QSL: Direct
A60AP/14	Op. A61FJ	QSL: LZ1YE
A60AP/15	Op. A61DI	QSL: EA7FTR

They remain active until the end of August. (TNX DXNL) For more information see:

https://www.mbrsc.ae/service/astronaut_prog/

Ship Island, NA-082



DL, GERMANY DR45HAAN is the special callsign for DARC's Ortsverband Haan (R24) to celebrate their 45th anniversary until September 30. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards via DL7ET. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY Celebrating World Amateur Radio Day, DARC special event callsign **DA23WARD** will be active from 21 March to 18 April. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards via DL2VFR. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY DR100XRAY commemorates the 100th anniversary of the death of Wilhelm Roentgen, inventor of the X-rays and winner of the Nobel Prize for physics in 1901. QRV until the end of June. QSL via bureau or direct. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY The DARC club V22 runs the special event station **DM775NB** (special DOK NB775) to mark the 775th anniversary of the city Neubrandenburg in 2023. QSL via bureau or direct to DM6RAC. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY Celebrating "100 years of broadcasting in Germany", special callsign **DB100RDF** is in use during 2023. QSL via the bureau, or direct to DO2PZ. The first official radio entertainment programme in Germany was broadcast on 29 October 1923. (TNX 425DX)

GU, GUERNSEY To mark the 19th Island Games, look for **GB5IG** from Friday 7th to Saturday 15th July, on 80 to 10m, SSB, FT8/FT4, and some satellite work, including QO-100. There may be some CW activity too. QSL will be via LoTW, or direct only to GU8ITE.

Once every two years, thousands of athletes from across the globe — from Scandinavia to the Mediterranean, the North Atlantic to the Caribbean and South Atlantic — come together to compete in the NatWest International Island Games. In 1985, as part of their Year of Sport, the Isle of Man set in motion an ambitious plan to bring together athletes from small islands across the world to take part in a new sporting festival dubbed the 'Inter-Island Games'. 700 sportsmen and women from 15 islands landed on Manx soil for what the UK national press called the 'Small Islands Mini Olympics'. Competitors hailed from the Faroe Islands and Scandinavia in the northern hemisphere, the British Isles, the Mediterranean and as far afield as St Helena in the South Atlantic—a 5,000-mile trip.

HH, HAITI Special event station **HH75RCH** will be QRV from Port-au-Prince, Haïti until May 1 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of RaBdio Club D'Haïti. QRV on HF bands, QSL via N200. (TNX 425DX)

On the scene...FH/F4IFF Mayotte



I, ITALY Celebrating the centenary of the Italian Air Force (28 March 1923), a large number of special callsigns will be active from 20 March to 20 June: **II0AQN, II0BPL, II0CMP, II0FRO, II0GUI, II0LAT, II0MVV, II0PDM, II0RMC, II1CAM, II2MIL, II2VNG, II3AFT, II3AVI, II3BLN, II3GOR, II3IST, II4PNF, II5PIS, II5PON, II6PES, II7BRI, II7LEG, II8RCL, II8REG, II8VVL, II9CMS, II9CTF, II9CVT, II9PAB, II9SIG, II9TMM, IO5LUT, IO9MAR, IY1TO**. The activity is organized by the Associazione Radioamatori Italiani (ARI) in collaboration with the Air Force General Staff; each call- sign represents a place that had or still has significant importance in the ITAAF history. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY Members of ARI Novara will be active as **II1CAI** from 15 February to 30 June. The special callsign memorializes the 100th anniversary of the local section of the glorious Club Alpino Italiano (the Italian Alpine Club, founded in 1863). QSL via IQ1NO. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY The ARI section Fidenza (www.arifidenza.it) runs a "Marconi was here!" award programme throughout 2023 to mark important steps and locations in Marconi's career and in the development of wireless technology:

April: **II4BRI**; BARI: inauguration of the first Italian radiotelegraphic station with commercial purposes (1904)

May: **II4GNV**; GENOVA: switch on of the lighting system in Sidney by means of a radio beacon (1930)

June: **II4SSM**; SASSO MARCONI (BO): at Villa Griffone, first wireless contact in history (1895)

July: **II4SPZ**; LA SPEZIA: experiments with the Italian military Navy (1897)

August: **II4GAR**; GOLFO ARANCI (SS): Short Wave contact with Rocca di Papa (Rome) 1932)

September: **II4CGD**; CASTEL GANDOLFO (ROME): inauguration of the microwave full - duplex system with the Vatican (1933)

October: **II4SML**; S. MARGHERITA LIGURE (GE): microwave RTX experiments (1931)

November: **II4CLT**; COLTANO (PI): inauguration of the first Italian intercontinental radiotelegraphic station (1911)

December: **II4CDV**; CITTA' DEL VATICANO: inauguration of the Vatican radio station (1931)
For QSL information see qrz.com. An award, based on contacts with these stations, is also available. (TNX DXNL)

LA, NORWAY **LA100K** is the special callsign for the Akademisk Radioklubb, LA1K to celebrate the 100th anniversary since its foundation. Based in Trondheim, it is the oldest amateur radio club in Norway. The special callsign is in use during 2023. QSL via the bureau, or direct. (TNX 425DX)

LZ, BULGARIA Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special callsigns during 2023 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ522ME** (March and April), **LZ78KA** (May and June), **LZ1015RW** (July and August), **LZ288MS** (September and October), and **LZ600PA** (November and December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2023 Award" can be found at <https://www.lz1kcp.com/>. (TNX 425DX)

OE, AUSTRIA **OE40XTU** is the special callsign for OE1XTU, the Amateur Radio Club at TU Wien (the Vienna University of Technology), to celebrate its 40th anniversary during 2023. QSL via LoTW and eQSL (preferred), paper cards to be requested via Club Log's OQRS will be sent in early 2024. (TNX 425DX)

ON, BELGIUM To celebrate World Amateur Radio Day, the UBA (<https://www.uba.be>) will activate the special callsign **OT23WARD** throughout the month of April. A commemorative award will be available for working the station in five different band/mode slots. See QRZ.com or the UBA website for more details.



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ON, BELGIUM **OQ95RCL** is the special callsign for Radio Club Leuven (ON4CP) to celebrate its 95th anniversary throughout 2023. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, bureau, or direct to ON3AR. Free award is available see <https://hamlog.online/club/rc/713> (TNX 425DX)

OZ, DENMARK EDR special callsign **5P0WARD** will be active on 11-25 April in celebration of World Amateur Radio Day. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW and eQSL, or via OZ1ACB. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/5p0ward> for the award. (TNX 425DX)

PA, THE NETHERLANDS The Dutch Navy Radio Amateur Club (MARAC) will participate during the Museum Ship Weekend this year from the former minesweeper Abraham Crijnsen, which is moored on the Navy Museum in Den Helder, Netherlands. The special call sign **PA37AC** will be used. The MSW will be held from Saturday, June 3, 00:00 GMT to Sunday, June 4, 11:59 p.m. GMT. Other participants and further information can be found on the website

<https://www.nj2bb.org/museum/>

The MARAC will soon issue an award, dedicated to the special history of the Abraham Crijnsen. More information will be soon available on the MARAC website, see <http://www.marac-radio.nl/>
PA, THE NETHERLANDS The Scouting troop Thomas More in Prinsenbeek celebrates its 85th anniversary with the callsign **PA85TP** during 2023 and the Scouting Prinsenbeek Amateur Radio Club marks its 30th anniversary with the call **PA30SPARC**. An award for QSOs with these callsigns and **PI9TP** is also available from the Manager Edwin, **PE5ENJ** (pd5enj@msn.com). (TNX DXNL)

SM, SWEDEN 8S80AA is the special callsign for the Vasteras Radio Klubb, **SK5AA** to celebrate its 80th anniversary throughout 2023. More information can be found on <https://www.sk5aa.se/>. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), via the bureau to **SK5AA**, or direct to **SM5FUG**. (TNX 425DX)

TA, TURKEY Celebrating the 100th anniversary since the proclamation of the Republic of Turkey (29 October 1923), the Turkish Radio Amateurs Association (TRAC) will operate special callsigns **TC100**, **TC100TA**, **TC100TR** and **TC100YEAR** throughout 2023. (TNX 425DX)

VK, AUSTRALIA VI100MB is the special callsign for the Manly-Warringah Radio Society (VK2MB) to celebrate the 100th anniversary since its formation. Look for activity until 25 February 2024. QSL via LoTW and eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

VK, AUSTRALIA VI75G is the callsign for the Geelong Amateur Radio Club to celebrate its 75th anniversary throughout 2023. QSL via LoTW and eQSL, or via **VK3ATL** (direct and bureau). (TNX 425DX)

VK, AUSTRALIA VI10VKFF is the special callsign celebrating the 10th anniversary of the World Wide Flora & Fauna (WWFF) programme in Australia (<https://www.wwffaustalia.com/>). It will be used from Australian Parks until the end of 2023. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via **VK5PAS** (direct or bureau). (TNX 425DX)

VR, HONG KONG In celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, radio amateurs in Hong Kong are permitted to use the special call prefix "**VR25**" until end June.

VU, INDIA Look for **AU40NRO** to be active from 1 April to 30 June to celebrate The 40th anniversary of the National Institute of Amateur Radio (NIAR). QSL via **VU2NRO**. (TNX 425DX)

VU, INDIA The special event station **AT2G20** operates from March 3 until June 2 in the context of the G20 summit to be held in India in September 2023. QSL via **VU2UUU** (d/B). (TNX DXNL)

XE, MEXICO Special callsign **4B0T** will be used until the end of June. "As its name implies, it is a semi-automated station or bot that uses the WSJT-Z program", Ramon **XE1KK** says. "The goal of the experiment is to test different scripts of the program while pointing the antenna in unusual directions and at different times". **4B0T** will primarily operate on 10 and 12 metres FT4, and on 6 metres FT8. QSL via LoTW only. (TNX 425DX)

YO, ROMANIA YR1400VT is the special callsigns that members of Radio Club **YO6KGS** will be using until 30 June 2023 to popularize the newly inaugurated Via Transilvanica, a long-distance trail (1400 km) used for hiking, cycling and horse riding that crosses Romania. (TNX 425DX)



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